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# Adieu KBG

**Dr. K.B. Ganapathy [27.12.1939 — 13.7.2025]**

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# STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

**Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.**

Mysuru, Sunday 13th July 2025


## Applications invited for TiE Women Programme-2025

Mysuru, July 13- The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Mysuru Chapter, has invited applications from promising women entrepreneurs and start-ups for the TiE Women Programme-2025.

TiE Women Programme provides an opportunity to receive mentoring from industry experts and successful entrepreneurs. As part of TiE Women Programme, TiE Mysuru Chapter, will host a series of workshops and bootcamps for women entrepreneurs to learn from the successful entrepreneurs and experts. It also provides a networking opportunity with investors and successful entrepreneurs.

Shortlisted ideas will get an opportunity to pitch their ideas to the panel of experts and win cash prizes, investments, mentoring and TiE Mysuru Membership.

**Eligibility:** Early-Stage Start-ups Founded or Co-Founded by Women Entrepreneurs; Women Co-founder(s) must have a minimum 33% stakeholder; Companies registered on or after January 1, 2018. Eligible women entrepreneurs can register online by visiting ***https://bit.ly/TiEWomen25*** before July 15.

**Benefits:** Cash Prizes up to Rs. 2 lakh at Chapter-level competition; Equity free cash prize up to $ 50,000 at Global-level competition; Opportunity to receive mentoring from successful entrepreneurs; and Access to angel investors.

The Chapter-level winner will represent TiE Mysuru at TiE Global Pitch Competition which will be held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, in the month of January 2026 at TiE Global Summit-2025.

For more details, contact Mahesh Kattale, Executive Director, TiE Mysuru Chapter, on Mob: +91-97407-95154 or *ed@mysuru.tie.org* OR contact Vidya Patel, Programme Co-Chair, TiE Women Programme-2025 on Mob: +91-99165-56565.

## EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

***Does the spectre of an ancient Greek myth foreshadow the after-shock of the Ahmedabad air crash? As technical experts investigate what caused the tragedy of AI 171, psychologists are helping people cope with a common and deep-seated fear which the crash of the Dreamliner has revived in public consciousness, the fear of flying.***

***Called aerophobia or aviophobia, this is a condition that causes extreme anxiety and panic attacks in people when they are about to take a flight or even when they imagine being inside an aeroplane. Psychologists who deal with this fear have reported a tenfold increase in the number of cases after the Ahmedabad disaster, with many patients cancelling booked flights, even if it means losing out on a business opportunity, missing a family reunion or foregoing a holiday.***

***According to one study, some 25mn people in US, mainly between the ages of 17 and 34 are affected by aerophobia. The counter-intuitive principle that makes heavier-than-air machines fly — that it is the difference in atmospheric pressure between the curvature of the top surface of the wings and the flat bottom that keeps an aeroplane airborne — is difficult if not impossible for the mind to accept.***

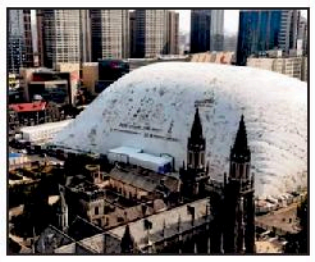
***However, while fear of flying is common and compulsive, equally if not even stronger, is the age-old human desire to break free from what Canadian Air Force pilot and poet, Gillespie Magee Jr, called "the surly bonds of Earth" and take to the skies.***

***Mythologies across the world are replete with tales of flying chariots and other aeronautical devices. But even in this context, a caveat is sounded by the story of Icarus, son of the Greek inventor Dedalus who, to escape captivity from the island of Crete where he and his son were imprisoned, built wings of waxed feathers.***

***Though he had been warned not to fly too high, in youthful pride Icarus soared too close to the Sun, causing the waxed feathers to melt and plunging him into the sea to drown. Today, does the spirit of Icarus still haunt the skies of the mind in the avatar of aerophobia?*** —*Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

## NEWS SPARKLERS

### Inflatable balloon keeps construction site cleaner!



Beijing: Urban construction is a dirty business that affects large areas around the construction site, but a unique project in Jinan, China, is proof that large construction projects can be isolated to reduce noise and pollution, helping to protect nearby communities and the environment. All you need is a giant inflatable balloon! The first of its kind in China and reportedly the largest in the world, the inflatable dome of Jinan is 50 meters high and covers an area of 20,000 sq.mts. It uses negative pressure and advanced air filtration systems to prevent dust from escaping into nearby areas, but also to ensure that air remains breathable for the workers inside.

Using transparent materials for the giant balloon ensures that enough sunlight shines through, thus minimizing the need for artificial light during the day. Using constant air pressure to keep the dome inflated means that there is no need for beams or support columns, and the design allows for quick assembly and dismantling, so it can quickly be deployed at another site when construction is complete.

### Expensive cheese at $42,232

Asturias: A Cabrales cheese aged in a cave for 10 months received top marks in a competition in Spain and earned a Guinness World Record when it was auctioned for $42,232.

The cheese, created by Ángel Díaz Herrero cheese factory, was sold by the Regulatory Council DOP Cabrales in Asturias, Spain and purchased by restaurant El Llagar de Colloto.

Guinness World Records declared the dairy delicacy to be the most expensive cheese sold at auction. The cheese hit the auction block after the Regulatory Council DOP Cabrales named it "Mejor Queso del Certamen," or "Best Cheese of the Competition." The pricey cheese, weighing in at 5 pounds, was made with cow's milk and aged for 10 months in the Los Mazos cave, which is nearly 5,000 feet above sea level.

## HEALTH CAPSULE

**IVF Success is not by chance.**
With personalised care and modern protocols, IVF success rates can go up to 60–70% in young women. Timely evaluation is key.

***By Dr. Nivedita Shetty - Chief of Reproductive Medicine Manipal Hospital, Mysuru***

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

## Cardio Yoga Summit 2025 at Jayadeva tomorrow

Mysuru, July 13- The Department of AYUSH, Government of Karnataka, Government Ayurveda Research Centre (GARC), Mysuru, in association with Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICSR), Mysuru, has organised a day-long National Conference 'Cardio Yoga Summit 2025 - Healing Diabetes Through Yogic Integration' at SJICSR Auditorium on KRS Road in city tomorrow (July 14).

The Conference will be inaugurated at 9 am by Vipin Singh, Commissioner of AYUSH, Government of Karnataka. Dr. Ravindranath, Director, SJICSR, Bengaluru, will preside. Dr. M.A. Shekar, VC, Adichunchanagiri University, will deliver the keynote address. Dr. K.S. Rangappa, former VC, University of Mysore, will be the chief guest. Dr. Raghavendra Rao, Director, CCRYN, Delhi, will be the guest of honour.

The day-long event will feature Artistic Yoga, Yoga Dance and Panel Discussions.

Valedictory of the Conference will be held at 4.30 pm same day with Dr. Harish Babu, Deputy Director - Yoga, delivering the valedictory address. Dr. K.S. Radhakrishna Ramarao, Principal, Government Ayurveda Medical College (GAMC), Mysuru and Dr. Srivatsa, Principal, Govt. Nature Cure and Yoga Medical College (GNCYMC), Mysuru, will be the guests of honour. Dr. K.S. Sadananda, Professor and Medical Superintendent, SJICSR, Mysuru, will preside. Dr. L.N. Shenoy, Assistant Director, GARC, Mysuru, is the Organising Secretary.

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| Last year's level **104.60 feet** | Last year's level **2,282.91 feet** | Last year's level **2,852.39 feet** |
| Yesterday's level **122.19 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,282.09 feet** | Yesterday's level **2,853.66 feet** |
| Today's Inflow **16,004 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **10,834 cusecs** | Today's Inflow **3,563 cusecs** |
| Today's Outflow **13,172 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **12,000 cusecs** | Today's Outflow **3,333 cusecs** |

## REALLY...?

- *Cows have around 25,000 taste buds.*
- *Cows spend an average of 10 to 12 hours a day lying down.*
- *Cattle have about 330 degrees of vision.*

## LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

***Teacher:*** *I take great pleasure in giving you eighty-one in mathematics.*

***Student:*** *Why don't you make it a hundred and really enjoy yourself, Sir!!*

## TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

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| 1 US Dollar | = Rs. 85.86 |
| 1 UK Pound | = Rs. 116.07 |
| 1 UAE Dirham | = Rs. 23.37 |
| 1 Euro | = Rs. 100.38 |

# Dr. K.B. Ganapathy passes away

**Mysuru, July 13- Dr. K.B. Ganapathy (85), Founder-Editor, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* newspapers, published by Academy Newspapers Pvt. Ltd., passed away in city this morning.**

**A native of Kunjila village in Kakkabbe, North Kodagu, Kalyatanda B. Ganapathy was the son of late K.A. Bopaiah and late K.B. Muthavva (Baby).**

**Fondly known as KBG among the journalist fraternity and Gandhi to his family and friends, he leaves behind his wife Ralie Ganapathy (Kechamada), sons Vikram Muthanna, Managing Editor, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* and Mickey Bopanna, Executive Director of Academy Newspapers, daughters-in-law, grand-children and a host of relatives and friends.**

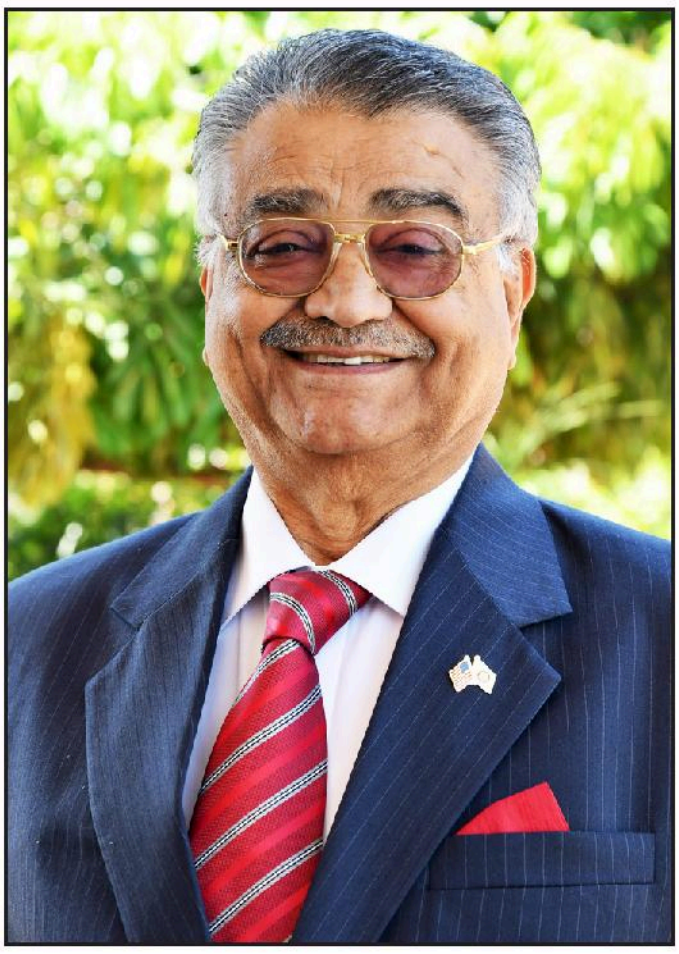
**His passing away is mourned by well-wishers, esteemed readers, advertisers, patrons, subscribers, delivery boys, newspaper agents and *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* staff.**

**K.B. Ganapathy's body was kept at his residence 'Fourth Estate' #375, 8th Main, 9th Cross, Lalithadri Road, K.C. Layout, Mysuru, for people to pay their last respects.**

**Last rites were held at the crematorium located at the foot of Chamundi Hill in city this evening.**

Condolences pour in

**On learning about the demise of KBG, *Star of Mysore* Office was flooded with calls from people from all walks of life to express their deep condolences and reminisce their association with him during his life time. Thousands of people including VIPs, politicians, religious heads and journalists visited KBG's residence and consoled the grieving family members.**



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## CM Siddu, Dy.CM D.K. Shivakumar, Union Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy condole KBG's demise

***A file photo of K.B. Ganapathy with CM Siddaramaiah.***

Mysuru, July 13 (VNS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM D.K. Shivakumar have expressed their condolences following the demise of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy in Mysuru this morning.

CM Siddaramaiah on his 'X' handle, posted, *"I am deeply saddened by demise of senior journalist friend K.B. Ganapathy of Mysuru, my native. The media in the State is orphaned by his demise. Throughout his service for more than five decades in journalism, Ganapathy was known for his factual and professional writing. Having created a large leadership in Mysuru city through 'Star of Mysore' newspaper, he was also the Founder-Editor of 'Mysuru Mithra'. Let his legacy be an inspiration to young journalists."*

Dy.CM Shivakumar, in his post said, *"Saddened by the demise of K.B. Ganapathy, stating, 'the Mysuru city has lost its Star.' His articles had deep impact on society which gained popularity not only in Mysuru but at the national and international level as well."*

Union Minister HDK, in his condolence on 'X' said, *"KBG's demise was a great loss to journalism and literary world".*

**The Last Word.**

The press has gone silent now,
The voice we loved, we've lost somehow.
Not to aging memory, nor fading fame,
But to time, that quiet thief with no name.

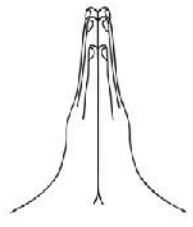
KBG, to many just three letters in print,
But to us, the soul of Mysore in every hint.
His pen moved with purpose, never with haste,
Each word weighed, no column a waste.

He didn't just write, he observed, he felt,
He captured our city, as time would melt.
Our hopes and heartaches, our glory and grime,
He inked them all, one line at a time.

Evening coffee won't be the same again,
Without his soulful voice, his gentle disdain.
He spoke when most stayed silent in fear,
He said what we needed, loud and clear.

He gave Mysuru more than just news
He gave it a mirror, a platform, a muse.
Now the newsroom dims, the type falls still,
But his spirit scripts on, with undying will.

Farewell, dear chronicler of our skies,
In the city you loved, your memory lies.
You are gone from the page, but not from our lore,
Mysuru remembers you, forevermore.



**Our beloved 'Gandhi'**
**Sadgati Praptirastu.**

SINCE 1948 CYCLE BRAND

# MP Yaduveer Wadiyar, other dignitaries pay last respects

Mysuru, July 13 (BLU&VNS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar and former Ministers S.A. Ramdas and Sa.Ra Mahesh, former MLA and BJP City President L. Nagendra and State BJP OBC Morcha President Raghu Kautilya were among other political leaders who visited the residence of *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* Founder-Editor K.B. Ganapathy and paid their last respects, this morning.

Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Mysuru President Swami Muktidanandaji, family members of NR Group and Siddartha Group, Pharmacist N. Raghavan and a host of journalists too visited.

Yaduveer, expressing sadness, said KBG will not only be remembered as a journalist but also a person who was involved in many social service initiatives.

In his condolence message, Raghu Kautilya, terming KBG as the 'Bhishma' of Mysuru journalism, said KBG's was a fatherly figure who always guided me on various issues.

Swami Muktidanandaji said, "KBG, known for his factual and accurate writing, was a great supporter of creative and progressive initiatives and acted as a pillar of strength."

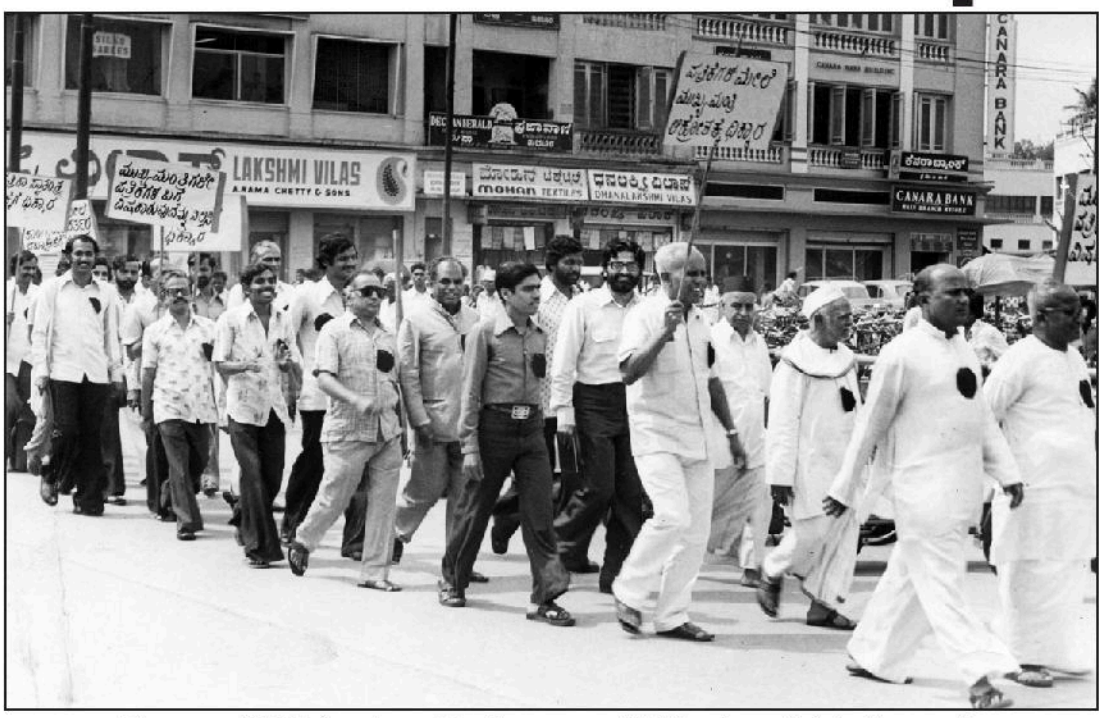
Sri Kaveri Kodava Association - Mysuru East President and Kodagu Model School Chairman K.M. Belliappa, Association Vice-President Padma Bopaiah, Secretary Sachin Devaiah, Joint Secretary Sunil Muthappa and other community members too paid their last respects.

*MP Yaduveer Wadiyar paying his last respects to KBG.*

*Sri Ramakrishna Ashram Mysuru President Swami Muktidanandaji offering his tributes.*

*Former Minister S.R. Mahesh placing a wreath.*

# Social service under KBG's leadership




*The young KBG (in beard) marching for a cause with fellow journalists in Mysuru city.*

**K.B. Ganapathy** served as the Chairman of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Mysuru Kendra. He has also served as its Vice-Chairman; Former Vice-President of Kodava Samaja, Mysuru; Former Vice-President of Mysore District Journalists Association (MDJA) and Member of Karnataka Patrika Akademi 1993-1995.

**FUND RAISING**

**1.** Funds were raised for the victims of the Kargil war in 1999.

**2.** Funds for the Gujarat earthquake in 2001 were raised by collecting about Rs. 12 lakh with the help of Rotary Mysore.

**3.** Collected Rs. 3.80 lakh as relief funds in association with Rotary Mysore for the earthquake victims of Latur district in Maharashtra in 2003.

**4.** *Star of Mysore* collected Rs. 74 lakh from various organisations and handed it over to the Mysore Citizens Forum (MCF) to be distributed to those who lost their lands and homes in the Tsunami that struck Tamil Nadu in 2004.

**5.** *Star of Mysore* has been giving monthly financial help to the nursing home being run by Little Sisters of the Poor and the rehabilitation centre for the mentally challenged being maintained by Mother Teresa Mission Charities in Bannimantap, and also presenting Rs. 10,000 annually to Deena Bandhu Charitable Trust to be distributed among talented children.

**6.** *Star of Mysore* also collected Rs. 7.5 lakh for successful surgery for a hearing-impaired child for a Cochlear implant.

**7.** Among other services, the company instituted the 'Star of Mysore Silver Jubilee Endowment Medal' at the University of Mysore. The gold medal is awarded to the candidate who has passed the MA Exam in Journalism by securing the highest marks in the entire course (in all the papers). The candidate, however, must have studied in the English Medium.

**DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOLS**

**1.** Adoption of Government Kannada-Urdu High School in HUDCO Colony in Bannimantap and constructing separate toilets for boys, girls and teachers at the school and compound for the school.

**2.** As a patron of Kodagu Model School in Vidyashankara Layout, which is a lower-middle-class area, Ganapathy personally raised over Rs. 40 lakh donations and also contributed substantially to its development.

**3.** *Star of Mysore* has raised money to build infrastructure for other schools, too.

*N. Raghavan of Raghulal & Co. paying his tributes. Pic. right: R. Raghu Kautilya paying his last respects.*

*Ex-Minister S.A. Ramdas offering his last respects. Picture right shows NR Group family, led by R. Guru, paying their last respects.*

## VOICE OF THE READER

# Why road humps, barricades on already worst city roads?

Sir,

Our city authorities — and much of the public — seem to believe that speed-breakers and barricades are the only solutions to prevent accidents. However, except for national highways, most city roads are already in poor condition, riddled with potholes, encroachments, and random road cuts. Adding speed-breakers and barricades to this mess only worsens the driving experience. Even a short commute within the city feels like an off-road adventure.

A more effective approach would be the installation of CCTV cameras and enforcement of reasonable speed limits, not absurdly low limits like 20-30 kmph. Strict penalty collection for violations and seizure of vehicles without number plates or with damaged ones can also make a big difference.

We hope the traffic authorities will consider these suggestions seriously and work towards improving road safety and easing commuter woes.

**—Ananda Kumar**
V V Mohalla
4.7.2025

# City buses get assistive tech for visually impaired

## KSRTC to launch voice-guided travel in 200 buses through 'Divya Spandana' from July 14

**By M.T. Yogesh Kumar**

Mysuru, July 13- In a pioneering step towards inclusive public transport, the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) is launching a voice-guided assistive technology for visually impaired passengers travelling by city buses.

The system, locally named 'Divya Spandana', will be officially introduced on July 14 in 200 city buses.

The initiative is designed to help visually impaired and low-vision individuals travel independently, reducing dependence on others and boosting self-confidence during daily commutes.

Developed in collaboration with Continental Automotive Components India Pvt. Ltd., IIT Delhi, the Raised Lines Foundation (RLF), and Enable India, the assistive technology — originally called 'OnBoard' — has been locally renamed 'Divya Spandana' to reflect its inclusive and empathetic intent.

It has been funded by the German development agency GIZ India under the Green Urban Mobility Partnership between India and Germany.

With Mysuru now deploying the system in 200 buses, the city stands at the forefront of accessible urban mobility in India.

The system operates using a two-part communication mechanism: User Module: A compact, remote-like device carried by the visually impaired commuter. Bus Module: Installed on the lower front glass near the entry door of KSRTC buses.

At the bus stop, a commuter presses the "Find" button on the User Module. The corresponding Bus Module responds with a

loud audio announcement of the bus's route number.

If the route matches the commuter's destination, pressing "Select" alerts the driver and conductor that a visually impaired passenger is preparing to board. This ensures the bus halts longer for safe boarding. The same process is used when the commuter nears their destination to facilitate safe disembarkation.

Notable features include: Detection of selected buses within a 30-meter radius, queued announcements to prevent confusion when multiple buses arrive, loud, clear voice prompts that increase in volume as the bus approaches, weather-resistant design tested for durability.

To support seamless integration, the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), under the leadership of Ram Prasad, has trained 400 visually impaired individuals from Mysuru city and surrounding taluks.

KSRTC staff — including drivers and conductors operating buses equipped with the system — have also undergone orientation sessions to familiarise themselves with the device and assist users effectively.

# 'Smart' empowerment for students

Mysuru, July 13- To empower the SSLC students, the Ranga Rao Memorial School for Differently Abled, supported by the NR Foundation and NR Group organised an event to celebrate inclusion achievement and the strong spirit of visually impaired girls, at the school yesterday.

As part of the celebration, 12 students were given smartphones, unlocking new possibilities for digital learning and personal independence. The smartphones were distributed by Social Welfare and District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa.

These smart phones distributed among the students are equipped with tools like Optical Character Recognition (OCR), NVDA screen reader integration and accessible apps such as Instareader and 'Be My Eyes' which allows the students to read printed material, navigate independently and access real-time assistance with confidence and ease.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Mahadevappa said, "It is inspiring to see institutions are working toward an inclusive environment. These students are not just being helped, they're empowered."

"Their determination and resilience reflect the future we're striving toward, a future where inclusion is not an exception but a norm. When technology meets compassion, extraordinary change is possible, and today's initiative is a shining example of how we can bridge gaps with purposeful action," he added.

In his address, NR Foundation Chairman R. Guru, said the initiative is more than just about distributing smartphones — it's about opening doors to opportunity. Technology should be an equalizer, and at RMSD, we strive to ensure that every child is equipped to overcome challenges and thrive."

M.R. Suresh, Chief Operating Officer, N. Ranga Rao and Sons was present.

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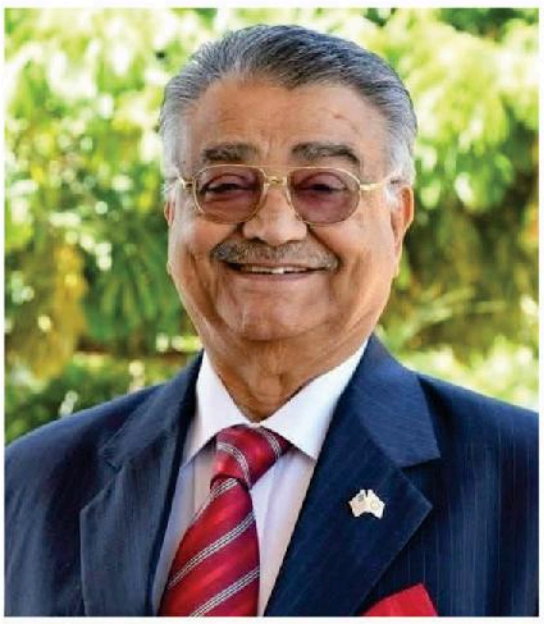


**Dr. K.B. Ganapathy**

Founder-Editor of Star of Mysore and Mysuru Mithra

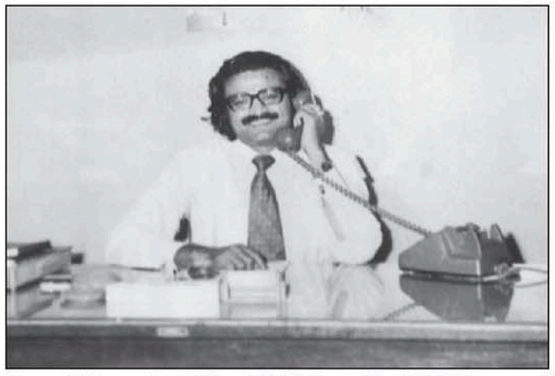
**"None can destroy iron, but its own rust can.
Likewise, none can destroy a person,
but their own mindset can,"
Reflecting his views on perseverance and resilience.**

**In Profound Grief:**

**Raghu R, Chairman & Staff**
**Nypunya School of Excellence**

# Tribute to an Entrepreneur-Journalist

## and Publisher of STAR OF MYSORE & ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಿತ್ರ Newspapers



*A young KBG on work call. Picture right:* ***K.B. Ganapathy with C.P. Chinnappa, with whom he established Academy Press in 1975 and launched*** *Star of Mysore* ***in 1978.***

**Dr. Kalyatanda B. Ganapathy,** the former Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) and Editor-in-Chief of ***Star of Mysore*** English Evening Daily and ***Mysuru Mithra*** Kannada Morning Daily of Mysuru, published by Academy Newspapers Pvt. Ltd., Bannimantap, Mysuru, passed away at the age of 85 in Mysuru today (July 13, 2025).

Mysuru city's largest circulated and popular evening newspaper, *Star of Mysore*, was founded by K.B. Ganapathy and late C.P. Chinnappa in 1978. The Kannada morning regional newspaper *Mysuru Mithra*, a sister concern of *Star of Mysore*, was founded in 1980 and is equally popular, covering five districts — Mysuru, Mandya, Hassan, Chamarajanagar and Kodagu.

Born on 27.12.1939 to K.A. Bopaiah and K.B. Muthavva (Baby) in Coorg (Kodagu), K.B. Ganapathy is the second of the four siblings. A native of Kunjila (Kakkabbe) village in North Kodagu, his father was a school teacher belonging to the Kalyatanda family, a Kodava clan.

Ganapathy was a Bachelor of Arts and Law and had a Diploma in Journalism from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB), Bombay. He practised as an advocate at the Karnataka High Court and the Civil Courts in Bengaluru from 1961 to 1964.

After being a trainee-junior lawyer for four years at a senior advocate's office in Bengaluru, he wanted to pursue journalism, which he was inclined towards. So he moved to Bombay to study journalism at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan.

After he got his diploma, he interviewed with T.J.S. George, the doyen of journalism, who was then the Assistant Editor of *Free Press Journal*, who gave Ganapathy his first job as a Sub-Editor.

Ganapathy worked as a Journalist (Reporter and Sub-Editor) in *Free Press Journal* and *Indian Express*, Bombay, till 1970 and then established his advertising agency, 'Sunbeam Advertising', Pune, in 1970.

### A star was born

After marriage, in 1976, he shifted to Mysuru because his wife K.K. Devamma (Ralie Ganapathy) was a Government College lecturer, and his family members were living in Mysuru. Soon, he ventured to do what he always loved — **Journalism.** Thus, in 1978, *Star of Mysore* was born.

Today, 48 years later, *Star of Mysore*, an evening English newspaper of Mysuru city, with a population of about a million, is the largest circulated newspaper with over a lakh readership. Two years after establishing *Star of Mysore*, in 1980, Ganapathy recognised the importance of journalism in the local language and started a local Kannada morning paper called *Mysuru Mithra*.

Today, this Kannada paper has gone from being a local paper to a regional paper covering five districts with a readership of over 2.5 lakh.

Even though in the 1970s Mysuru had many newspapers, *Star of Mysore* stood out for its factual reports and in-depth coverage. To add, Ganapathy wrote two columns every other day called ***Abracadabra*** and ***Hocus-Pocus***, which helped popularise the paper.

These columns were enlightening, informative, risque and soon captured the attention and imagination of Mysureans. Ganapathy, after 48 years, continued to write his column. His last two *Abracadabras* were on the global conflict — ***'Pondering over wars and warmongers of the world!'*** published on June 19 and ***'A miracle in Jerusalem'*** on June 21, 2025.

### Attention to reportage, visual appeal

It is noteworthy that *Star of Mysore* is probably the country's only evening subscribed English newspaper. Ganapathy achieved this by building a strong distribution network while paying attention to reportage, an endeavour in which many national newspapers failed.

Ganapathy did three unique things in local journalism. First, he wanted the newspaper to stand out visually. To achieve this, he chose to print *Star of Mysore* in a unique size — Berliner. Even though this newspaper size costs more money to publish, he felt it was essential for recall. Today, *Star of Mysore* is the only Berliner-sized newspaper in the country.

The next was his approach to journalism and public participation. Before the term 'citizen journalist' was coined, Ganapathy in the 1980s encouraged Mysureans, be it teachers, students or industrialists, to write. Be it a letter to the editor or even articles, everyone was encouraged.

Even today, this tradition continues with columnists like Dr. Javeed Nayeem, Sadhguru, Devdutt Pattanaik, Dr. Balasubramaniam and Gouri Satya.

***K.B. Ganapathy in his chamber at*** *Star of Mysore* ***office.***

*Star of Mysore* ***and*** *Mysuru Mithra* ***head offices in Bannimantap.***

*THREE WORDSMITHS:* ***R.K. Narayan and N. Ram insisted that K.B. Ganapathy sit in the middle flanked by these patron giants of the literary world.***

Many of the young journalists and writers of *Star of Mysore* from the 1980s-90s did not have a journalism degree, yet they were employed at *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra*. Ganapathy felt that a 'nose for news', a 'passion for storytelling' and a 'sense of journalistic purpose' were more important than a degree in journalism.

Today, most of these 'alumni' of *SOM* and *MM* as the two newspapers are fondly abbreviated, are in senior positions in other national media houses.

Some of them are late Girish Nikam *(Rajya Sabha TV)*, late Niranjan Nikam *(Deccan Herald)*, Krishna Prasad (former Editor of *Outlook* Magazine), Chetan Krishnaswamy (Formerly with *The Week Magazine*), H.R. Ranganath (former editor of *Kannada Prabha* and now the Editor-in-Chief, *Public TV)*, Manu Aiyappa *(The Times of India)*, etc.

### Passion for journalism

In a way, with his passion for journalism, Ganapathy turned his two newspapers into a kind of school for journalism, producing more practising and successful journalists than the journalism schools in Mysuru.

Over the years, both newspapers have also patronised celebrated thinkers and writers such as T.J.S. George, Maneka Gandhi, Devdutt Pattanaik, Sadhguru, to name a few.

With his two newspapers, Ganapathy created awareness among the people of Mysuru city about the usefulness and impact of an influential local evening newspaper on the community.

When a citizen is in trouble due to poor service by various Government or quasi-Government agencies or the local bodies, *Star of Mysore* and *Mysuru Mithra* are their voice for justice. More importantly, he showed that local journalism could be influential and have an impact in creating a good city, as it brings awareness among the citizenry, who then hold their leaders accountable for the health of their city.

### Courage and determination

Speaking about *Star of Mysore*, late Union Minister H.N. Ananth Kumar had said, *"If there is a torch-bearer in this part of the country that always stood for liberty and equality, it is Star of Mysore." He then added, "Ganapathy always wages a silent war with the establishment and in the process, he and his family faced many threats and attacks. This is easier said than done. I salute his courage and determination."*

The combination of an entrepreneur-journalist is scarce, and Ganapathy has achieved a rare feat by being successful as both. Today, his newspapers have become household names, and with their online edition, they have truly become the conduit that connects Mysureans to Mysuru and Mysureans to their leaders.

***Shaking hands with a replica of noted cartoonist R.K. Laxman's 'The Common Man.'***

No wonder late Ananth Kumar stated, "*Star of Mysore* is now addressed in the same breath as *Mysore Pak* and *Mysooru Mallige*. I have seen eveningers like *Mid-Day* in Mumbai and Bengaluru. But in this part of the country, *Star of Mysore* has earned its unique and respectful place in the hearts of its readers."

Mysuru has been better off for having these two newspapers because using the two newspapers, Ganapathy took up numerous causes for the city of Mysuru and Mysureans, such as — Save Kukkarahalli Lake, Campaign against Chamalapura Power Plant, Campaign to Save Heritage buildings, Campaign for Tree Protection, Strived and succeeded in converting noted novelist R.K. Narayan's house in Yadavagiri into a Museum, supporting Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), an NGO, in its activities, to name a few.

### Concern for Mysuru

*Star of Mysore*'s major article on Rare Materials Plant (RMP), the Uranium Unit of the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (BARC) in Yelwal, which the local villagers called 'Bomb Factory', had brought the top official of Atomic Energy from Bombay to Mysuru to allay fears of the Mysureans.

This article was written by one Saketh Rajan (late), a young, intelligent student. The official held a press meet, assuring that there was no danger of 'radiation leak' or of any kind, and all measures for absolute safety and security are taken care of.

Only after this, other NGOs came on the scene demanding closure of this 'bomb factory' or revealing the safety measures taken in the event of accidents in the unit.

Now, the company, Academy Newspapers Pvt. Ltd., under which the two newspapers are published, employs many people apart from providing part-time jobs and serving over 4 lakh Mysureans.

## UoM Honorary Doctorate to Dr. K.B. Ganapathy

- **Karnataka Patrika Akademi Award (2001)**
- **H.K. Veerannagowda Award for Journalism (2005)**
- **P.R. Ramaiah Award of KUWJ (2005)**
- **Karnataka State Rajyotsava Award (2008)**
- **Mohare Hanamantharaya Award (2013) - presented by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah on March 27, 2015**
- **Mysuru District Journalists Association's Lifetime Achievement Award (2023)**
- **The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), Mysuru Chapter's Lifetime Achievement Award (2023)**
- **Hon. Doctorate by University of Mysore in 2023**

## BOOKS PUBLISHED

**K.B. Ganapathy has published the following books:**

- *Adarshavadi* — **A novel in Kannada which was published by former Vice-Chancellor of University of Mysore Prof. D. Javare Gowda (1992).**
- *America - An Area of Light* — **A travelogue in English (1993)**
- *The Cross & The Coorgs* — **A novel on Christian conversion saga in English (1994)**
- *Kodagina Mele Shilubeya Neralu* — **A Kannada translation of the book** *The Cross & The Coorgs* **(2005)**
- *Abracadabra* — **A collection of his selected columns in** *Star of Mysore* **(2003)**
- *Choomantra* — **A collection of his selected columns in** *Mysuru Mithra* **(2005)**
- *Gandhi's Epistle to Obama* — **A book on the journey of Barak Obama (2009)**
- *Star of Mysore - Story of a Unique Evening English Newspaper* — **released by Padma Bhushan T.J.S. George, Editorial Advisor,** *The New Indian Express*, **during the 40th Anniversary of** *Star of Mysore* **(2018).**
- *Sword of Shivaji* — **in English (2021).**
- *Shivajiya Khadga* — **in Kannada (2021).**
- *Life and Times* — **in English (2023).**
- *The Hidden Life of A Yogi* — **in English (2025).**

## NEWS BRIEFS

### Applications invited

City's Chamarajendra Academy of Visual Arts (CAVA) has invited applications from eligible candidates for appointment as lecturers on hourly basis to teach Bachelor of Visual Arts (BVA course) subjects. Candidates should have passed LLM with a minimum of 55 percent pass percentage from any SEC approved Universities to teach Indian Constitution and Constitutional Values, M.Sc (IT) to teach SEC paper on Cyber Security/ Artificial Intelligence and M.Sc in Environmental Studies (M.Sc- EVS) to teach SEC paper on Environment studies. The candidates must have passed their Post-Graduate degree with a minimum of 55 percent marks. The last date for applying along with necessary records is July 18. The appointment will be based on an interview to be held at 11 am on July 21 at CAVA campus in Siddarthanagar. The selected candidates will be paid Rs. 500 fee for every hour of teaching, as fixed by the Kannada and Culture Department. For details, log on to the website: ***cavamysore.karnataka.gov.in*** or contact Ph: 0821-2438931.

### Applications invited

The Department of Sainik Welfare and Resettlement has invited applications from meritorious children of Karnataka native ex-servicemen, who have scored high marks in SSLC and PUC (2024-25) for presentation of General K.S. Thimayya Cash Prize. The application forms can be collected for free from the Department Office in the city and the filled-in form must be submitted along with all supporting documents before Oct. 30. [Ph: 0821-2425240]

### Ph.D awardees

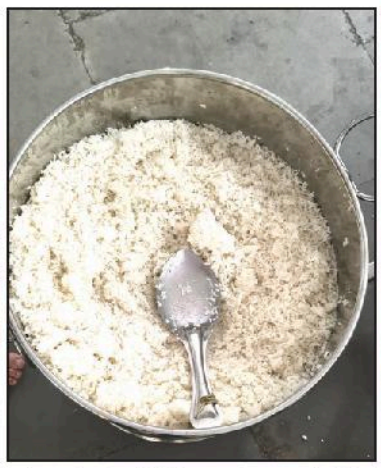
**R. Bharathi** has been awarded

Ph.D in Faculty of Electrical & Electronics Engineering Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for her thesis 'An Approach for the Detection and Prevention of Distributed Denial of Service (DDoS) Attack in Wireless Sensor Network' submitted under the guidance of Dr. T.P. Surekha.

**P. Chaya** has been awarded

Ph.D in Faculty of Computer and Information Sciences by the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, for her thesis 'Secure Routing Techniques for Active and Passive Attacks in Wireless Sensor Networks' [Guide: Dr. K.S. Nandini Prasad].

# After outrage, K.R. Hospital patients get dinner on time



*K.R. Hospital in Mysuru. Picture centre shows cooked rice which is served to inpatients. Picture extreme right shows food thrown in dustbin.*

Mysuru, July 13 (MK&VNS)- Government Hospitals, meant to aid recovery by serving nutritious meals to inpatients, are failing in this basic duty. Instead of providing nourishment, food is landing in dustbins — untouched and wasted — at major hospitals in Mysuru.

This daily reality unfolds at K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba Hospital, Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital, Trauma Care Centre and PKTB Hospital.

As per the official schedule, patients are to receive breakfast at 8.30 am (idli, upma, tomato bath, pulav, coffee, tea or bread), lunch at 12 noon (rice, chapathi, sambar, palya and curd), evening tea or coffee at 4 pm and dinner at 7 pm.

However, in gross violation of the schedule, dinner is being served as early as 3 pm. By the time patients attempt to eat it later in the evening or night, the food has turned cold and tasteless, prompting many to throw it away.

**Authorities act only after media exposé**

Following a report published in *Mysuru Mithra*, sister publication of *Star of Mysore*, on July 11 about the poor food service to inpatients at K.R. Hospital, PKTB, Trauma Care Centre and Cheluvamba Hospital, authorities finally took note. They have now instructed the contractor to serve dinner only after 7 pm.

Patients had complained that dinner was being served around 3.30 pm, turning watery and flavourless by night, often ending up untouched.

*Food being served to inpatients at K.R. Hospital after 7 pm yesterday.*

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, K.R. Hospital Medical Superintendent Dr. H.T. Shobha said steps are being taken to ensure meals are served as per the prescribed schedule.

"Dinner was being served early to avoid inconvenience to diabetic patients. However, we received several complaints about food being wasted. We've now directed the contractor to strictly follow the designated timings," she said.

**850 inpatients, but little nourishment**

Across K.R. Hospital, Cheluvamba, PKTB, Trauma Care Centre and Princess Krishnajammanni Super-Speciality Hospital, around 850 inpatients are served three meals a day. But many complain that the food is watery, bland and monotonous. Worse, curd or buttermilk — mandated in the lunch and dinner menu — is reportedly never served.

A Group D worker in charge of ward maintenance confirmed that large quantities of food are dumped into hospital bins every day.

"Patients at Cheluvamba and PKTB are supposed to get eggs and special items on specific days. But none of it is being served. Instead, it's the same watery food every day. Even on Sundays, breakfast is just three slices of bread and coffee," said an inpatient at K.R. Hospital.

## Ban order around exam centres

Mysuru, July 13- With the Computer Education Exams scheduled to take place from July 27 to Aug. 2 at two centres in the city (Adarsha Vidyalaya, Jockey Quarters and DIET, Vasanth Mahal, Nazarbad), the City Police have promulgated ban orders in 200 mts radius around both the exam centres from 6 am to 6 pm on all dates of the exam.

Accordingly, barring the examinees and the exam staff, no other unauthorised persons will be allowed entry to the exam centres and carrying of objectionable articles around the exam centres is strictly prohibited.

Also, all photocopy shops/ browsing centres in the vicinity of the centres have been ordered to shut down during exam hours, according to a press release from City Police Commissioner Seema Latkar.

## Miscreants waylay woman; loot gold worth lakhs of rupees

Mysuru, July 13 (KS)- Miscreants, who waylaid a scooter-bound woman, loot her of gold jewellery worth lakhs of rupees at Gokulam on Friday.

The woman, who lost her gold is B. Vidyashree, a resident of Gokulam 2nd Stage. On Friday at about 3 pm, Vidyashree was proceeding on her scooter near Gokulam School Park, when her mobile phone rang. She slowed down her scooter when two persons, wearing helmets, who came on a bike, intercepted her and snatched her 40 grams gold mangalya chain, 25 grams gold chain, Rs. 15,000 worth mobile phone, all worth about Rs. 2.30 lakh and sped away. A case has been registered at Jayalakshmipuram Police Station.

## Obituary

**Bottangada Neelamma**

Mysuru, July 13- Bottangada

Neelamma (88), retired teacher of Good Shepherd Convent and a resident of Vijayanagar 1st Stage, passed away this morning.

A spinster, she is survived by 3 sisters, one brother and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

**Geetha Shivashankar**

Geetha Shivashankar (71), a

resident of Jayanagar, passed away yesterday in city.

She leaves behind two daughters, one son and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at the Lingayat Burial Grounds this noon.

**Gulam Geelani**

Gulam Geelani (60), a resident

of Subhashnagar, passed away following brief illness at a private hospital in city yesterday.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. He is the younger brother of Gulam Rabbani, Vice-President of Muslim Co-Operative Bank Ltd.

Namaz-e-Janaza was offered today at Masjid-e-Azam on Ashoka Road after Namaz-e-Zohar followed by burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

# Swiatek wins maiden Wimbledon title

London, July 13- Iga Swiatek of Poland made history as she clinched a stunning 6-0, 6-0 victory over USA's Amanda Anisimova in the Wimbledon 2025 Women's Singles final yesterday.

It is the first double bagel victory by a player in Wimbledon in the Open Era and the first at the Tournament since 1911. The victory ensures Swiatek clinches her sixth Grand Slam title. 23-year-old Anisimova, who stunned World No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka in the semi-finals, was left in shock in what was the first Grand Slam final of her career.

For the second time in Open Era history and the first time since 1911 in Wimbledon, a double bagel victory (6-0, 6-0) was achieved in a Grand Slam final. The only other occasion was Steffi Graf beating Natasha Zvereva in the 1988 French Open final.

**Men's Doubles**

Fifth seeds Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool capped their dream summer with the Wimbledon crown and first Grand Slam title as a pair when the British team downed Rinky Hijikata and David Pel 6-2 7-6(3) in the Men's Doubles final yesterday.

Queen's Club and Eastbourne champions Cash and Glasspool became the first all-British pairing to win the All England Club trophy since 1936, when Pat Hughes and Raymond Tuckey defeated their compatriots Charles Hare and Frank Wilde in the final.

*Poland's Iga Swiatek celebrates with the trophy after beating Amanda Anisimova of the US to win the Women's Singles final at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships in London yesterday.*

*Julian Cash and Lloyd Glasspool celebrating their victory in the Men's Doubles final against Rinky Hijikata and David Pel at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships yesterday.*

## WIMBLEDON FINALS

### TODAY'S MATCHES (JULY 13)

**WOMEN'S DOUBLES**

4 Jeļena Ostapenko & Hsieh Su-wei
**Vs** 8 Veronika Kudermetova & Elise Mertens — **5.30 pm**

**MEN'S SINGLES**

1 Jannik Sinner **Vs** 2 Carlos Alcaraz — **8.30 pm**

Catch live actions on **STAR SPORTS** and **JIOHOTSTAR**

## Founders Day celebrations

Mysuru, July 13- Maharaja's High School and PU College Alumni Association, Mysuru, will be holding Founders Day and Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrations tomorrow (July 14) at 10 am. Meritorious students will be honoured on the occasion. Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar will be the chief guest. Dr. N. Chandrashekar of Aditya Adikari Hospital and Maharaja's College & Fine Arts College retd. Principal Dr. C.A. Sridhar will be the guests of honour. Association President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs will preside.

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# MCC employees call-off stir temporarily

Mysuru, July 13 (PM&VNS)- The employees of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), who were on stir for the past five days demanding to extend 100 percent benefits of 7th Pay Commission, called off their stir temporarily following the assurance by Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh to look into their demands during a meeting to be held in the presence of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Finance Department officials on July 15.

Following the stir, uncleared garbage has piled up on the main thoroughfares in the city and also on the main roads of various localities. The employees of all 10 City Corporations, including MCC, were on strike applying leave *en masse* since July 8. With Pourakarmikas also extending their support to the stir, the garbage clearance across the city had come to a standstill. With the State Corporation Em-

ployees Association announcing the withdrawal of the strike, the workers resumed their works as usual this morning.

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh also requested the employees to return to work following his assurance to discuss the issue with CM Siddaramaiah and concerned officials in presence of Association office-bearers on July 15.

MCC Commissioner Shaikh Tanveer Asif said, the collection of wastes from households would commence today (July 13) and added measures would also be initiated to clear the debris being dumped on roadside.

The Karnataka State City Corporation Employees Association, in a press release, has also announced the temporary withdrawal of strike called till July 15.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Mysuru City Corporation Employees Association President B. Venkatram said, "the demands of Association also implies to Pourakarmikas as they come under the Group D employees category. We have been demanding the State Govt. to set right the discrepancies in the benefits extended to City Corporation employees when compared to State Government employees."

## OBITUARY

*We deeply Mourn the Sad Demise of Sri K.B. Ganapathy Chief Editor Star of Mysore. May Departed Soul Rest in Peace.*

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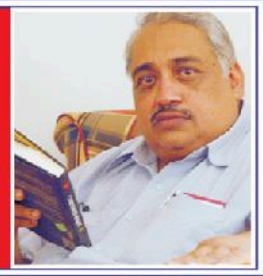

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

# The Final Nail in the Coffin of a Beautiful City?

**We, Mysureans, must remember that Bannimantap Grounds, where our Annual Dasara Procession culminates with an iconic Torch Light Parade, is a *de facto* heritage site that needs to be preserved and protected from any kind of development around, including the proposed bus stand, that can mar its beauty, antiquity and sanctity. I fail to understand how this can been overlooked by all those at the helm of affairs?**

Despite numerous suggestions and appeals and a few feeble protests too, from some very sensible and concerned individuals and groups, our State government seems hell-bent on creating a new bus stand for our city, in the now beautiful Bannimantap area.

Yes, all protests in *Namma Mysuru* have always been very feeble. It's sad but that has somehow always been the hallmark of Mysureans! **A date has even been finalised for laying the foundation stone for the new bus stand and this fateful date is not far away, but just around the corner.**

**The good and bad that can come out of this Quixotic decision have both been highlighted by many learned people, with the emerging picture clearly indicating that there is very little good in it and much bad, that we Mysureans will have to see and endure for the rest of our lives.**

**But the unholy nexus between selfish politicians, bureaucrats and contractors, is a very malignant one. And, like most malignancies, this one too is certainly very lethal to our society and it needs to be countered with some very potent remedial measures.**

**When you add to this already deadly triad, the additional greed and might of some very hungry land-sharks, waiting in the wings, to multiple their earnings overnight, while the rest of us sleep, the impact on our city can only become deadlier.**

But all this seems have so far gone over the heads of slumbering Mysureans, who perhaps need more than just a sharp nudge to awaken their sense of concern for the beauty and sustainability of our city. This is despite having seen a good many of the mutilations made to it, both in the distant and recent past, which now stand out as ugly eyesores.

The creation of our existing sub-urban bus stand on the Mother Teresa Road, amid surroundings which simply did not have enough room, either for the flow of traffic or for the movement of people, was one such blunder. We have all been seeing over nearly four decades, the chaos it has created in the once pristine environment surrounding our Palace and the lush expanse of our Government House, which are the pride of our city.

Today, this bus stand area is a huge island of utter chaos and confusion, separating these two beautiful landmarks.

Another blunder, a more recent one, was the plan to erect granite balustrades at great cost, along the entire five-kilometre route of our Dasara procession. **The big-wig who tossed aside the opposition to this plan, and proclaimed that this project would create a 'Rajapatha' (also known as Raja Marga) that would not only rival but even outshine the one at New Delhi, the route of our Republic Day Parade (Rajpath, now renamed as Kartavya Path), is now completely out of sight and thankfully, out of might too!**

The proposed five-kilometre-long project, which could march only at a snail's pace, was quickly abandoned, even before it clocked half a kilometre. This was necessitated when the speed at which the already erected balustrades began crumbling, greatly exceeded the speed at which they were being erected and so, that was the end of the road for it.

But the dirty hands that had dabbled in it, even for the brief duration, had managed to collect their booty of cuts and commissions before they quietly vanished. And, the sadder part is that we, the all-forgiving Mysureans, holding on to our age-old tradition of being most benevolent, never insisted on any accountability, let alone recovery of the money wasted on the project that failed to do us any good. The same story is all set to be repeated at an astronomical cost and permanent inconvenience to us, if this new bus stand comes up at Bannimantap. It is not that we do not need a better and more commodious bus stand to meet the needs of our fast-growing city. It is just that the location proposed for it at present is completely a wrong one, that will not only put citizens to much inconvenience but will also mar the beauty of the city permanently.

**I have said this once in my article in *SOM*, six months ago and I'm saying it again too. We must remember that the Bannimantap Grounds, where our Annual Dasara procession culminates and where our iconic Torch Light Parade has been held for over a century and a half, is a *de facto* heritage site, that needs, not just to be retained as such, but also preserved and protected from any kind of development around, that can mar its beauty, antiquity and sanctity. I fail to understand how we will be able to conduct the nearly month-long rehearsals and the main Dasara procession itself, with a fully functional bus stand, that is going to be overflowing with buses and people during Dasara time, sitting in the middle of the procession route? Why has this point been so completely overlooked by all those at the helm of affairs?**

Many concerned citizens have suggested alternate areas for one or even more bus stands, on the outskirts of the city, but which will be well connected with it, that can do us much good without doing any harm.

*Star of Mysore* too has given much publishing space for this topic and its Founder-Editor **K.B. Ganapathy,** too has written at length about the matter.

**Prof. R. Chandra Prakash,** a concerned citizen, has very recently given a very balanced and extremely detailed and very painstakingly drafted analysis of the pros and cons of having a bus stand at the proposed site in Bannimantap. This write-up alone is enough to enlighten and wizen those at the helm of affairs, including our home-bred Chief Minister and, if only they read and understand it with an open and unbiased mind, much good sense is certainly bound to prevail, in favour of what most Mysureans are asking for.

**Dr. Bhamy V. Shenoy,** Founding President of city's well-known NGO, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP), has also voiced his opinion against this illogical bus stand project.

And, I must say this with much sorrow that, if they choose to brush aside logical counsel now, before embarking on the project next week (July 19), they will only be driving the last nail in the coffin of a most beautiful city. **And, for not having acted in time to save our city from this disgrace, we Mysureans will only have ourselves to blame, for being drowned in it.**

**My dear Mysureans, time is short and the water is rising...let's see if we rise up too, before it is too late!**

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| *Superman (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 10.30 am; (S-2) 7.20 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)* | (S-1) | 1.20 pm, 7.15 pm; (S-2) 10.55 am |
| *Maalik (H)* | (S-1) | 4.10 pm, 10 pm; (S-4) 10.20 am |
| *1st Day 1st Show (K)* | (S-2) | 1.45 pm |
| *Oh Bhama Ayyo Rama (Te)* | (S-2) | 4.15 pm |
| *Freedom (Ta)* | (S-3) | 10.35 am |
| *Doora Theera Yaana (K)* | (S-3) | 1.15 pm |
| *Sitaare Zameen Par (H)* | (S-3) | 4.05 pm |
| *Metro In Dino (H)* | (S-3) | 7.10 pm |
| *The 100 (Te)* | (S-3) | 10.30 pm |
| *Desingu Raja 2 (Ta)* | (S-4) | 1.30 pm |
| *Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan (H)* | (S-4) | 4.15 pm |
| *F1: The Movie (E)* | (S-4) | 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm |

### MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

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|---|---|---|
| *Kuberaa (K)* | : | 1 pm |
| *Superman (E-3D)* | : | 1 pm, 4.05 pm |
| | | 6.40 pm, 9.15 pm |
| *Maadeva (K)* | : | 1.25 pm, 6.40 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)* | : | 1.30 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.45 pm |
| *Doora Theera Yaana (K)* | : | 4 pm |
| *Jaava Coffee (K)* | : | 4 pm |

### PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

**Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Ph: 0821-230 0402**

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|---|---|---|
| *Superman (E-3D)* | : | 8.20 am, 11.10 am, 4.50 pm |
| | | 7.40 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Superman (H-3D)* | : | 1.25 pm |
| *Maalik (H)* | : | 9.05 am, 1 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.20 pm |
| *Aankhon Ki Gustaakhiyan (H)* | : | 10 am, 4.10 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)* | : | 10.35 am, 2 pm, 7.10 pm, 10 pm |
| *Metro In Dino (H)* | : | 12.15 pm, 6.15 pm, 9.35 pm |
| *Seventeen World Tour (Korean)* | : | 1.10 pm |
| *Soothravakyam (Ma)* | : | 3.10 pm |
| *Sitaare Zameen Par (H)* | : | 3.40 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Doora Theera Yaana (K)* | : | 4.15 pm |
| *Enhypen: World Tour (Korean)* | : | 5.45 pm |
| *F1: The Movie (E)* | : | 6.55 pm, 9.45 pm |
| *BTS: Map of The Soul On:e (Korean)* | : | 7.45 pm |

**1st Floor, Garuda Mall. Mob: 88009 00009**

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|---|---|---|
| *Superman (E-3D)* | : | 8.05 am, 10.55 am, 1.45 pm |
| | | 4.35 pm, 7.25 pm, 10.15 pm |
| *Maalik (H)* | : | 9.45 am 4.10 pm, 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)* | : | 10.25 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm |
| *Metro In Dino (H)* | : | 11.50 am, 6.05 pm |
| *Sitaare Zameen Par (H)* | : | 12.55 pm |
| *Maadeva (K)* | : | 3.15 pm |
| *Oh Bhama Ayyo Rama (Te)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *Desingu Raja 2 (Ta)* | : | 9.30 pm |
| *F1: The Movie (E)* | : | 10.10 pm |

### INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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|---|---|---|
| *Superman (E-3D)* | : | 8 am, 10.45 am, 1.35 pm |
| | | 7.20 pm, 10.10 pm |
| *Superman (E)* | : | 4 pm |
| *F1: The Movie (E)* | : | 9.40 am, 6.50 pm |
| *Maalik (H)* | : | 9.55 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm |
| | | 7.20 pm 10.30 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-2D)* | : | 10.10 am, 1.05 pm, 10 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)* | : | 4.25 pm |
| *Sitaare Zameen Par (H)* | : | 12.50 pm |
| *Kuberaa (K)* | : | 4.05 pm |
| *1st Day 1st Show (K)* | : | 7.45 pm |
| *Hh Bhama Ayyo Rama (Te)* | : | 10.20 pm |

**INOX Centro Mysore - Ph: 0821-4283555**

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|---|---|---|
| *Superman (E-3D)* | : | 10.05 am, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm |
| *Superman (E-2D)* | : | 1.15 pm, 10.30 pm |
| *Superman (H)* | : | 4.30 pm |
| *Maalik (H)* | : | 10.10 am, 1.20 pm, 7.20 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-2D)* | : | 10.20 am, 7.15 pm |
| *Jurassic World: Rebirth (E-3D)* | : | 12.55 pm |
| *F1: The Movie (E-2D)* | : | 4.05 pm, 10.10 pm |

**NOTE:** Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

## EVENTS TODAY (JULY 13)

**Swaralaya Sangeetha Samsthe, Ramakrishnanagar and Kannada & Culture Department, Bengaluru:** 'Swaralaya Samskrutika Vaibhava-2025,' music teacher Vidu. H.V. Vasavamba inaugurates the programme, Vidu. Sukanya chief guest, singer K. Savitha and USA-based art patron Dr. Swarnambha Lokesh guests of honour, Swaralaya Founder-President Vidu. Suma Harinath presides, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **4 pm.**

**Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Gold, Mysuru:** Conferring of 'Mysore Ratna' Award and staging of play 'Leakout' by Akshatha Pandavapura, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar chief guest, University of Mysore Syndicate Member Dr. T.R. Chandrashekar, Inner Wheel Club of Mysuru Gold President Dr. Prema Ravi, Jeevadhara Blood Bank Managing Director S.E. Girish, National Merit Award Winner in Mysore Traditional Painting Dr. J. Dundaraja from Bengaluru and Kalaprapancha & Vidyaleela Foundation Founder H. Leelavathi guests of honour; Awardees are H. Leelavathi, Dr. Prema Ravi, S.E. Girish, Dr. J. Dundaraja, J.S. Sridhar Rao, Preethi Shenoy, Akshatha Pandavapura, Babitha Basavaraj, Shashank Bharadwaj and S. Theertha Kumari, Rotary West Auditorium, Saraswathipuram, **4.30 pm.**

**Swarasankula Sangeeta Sabha:** Hindustani classical vocal recital by Anirudh Aithal, accompanied by Veerabhadraiah Hiremath on harmonium and Bhimashankar Bidanur on tabla, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

**Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavata' by Vid. Ganesh Sharma, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm to 7.45 pm.**

**Rangayana, Mysuru:** 'Greeshma Rangotsava-2025' in memory of late theatre person C.G. Krishnamurthy (CGK), staging of play 'Ahalya B.D' by Workshop In Mysuru For Theatre, written by Henrik Ibsen, translated by S. Surendranath, directed by Yatish N. Kollegal, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

**Sri Prasanna Sai Mandira, Thyagaraja Road:** 87th Guru Purnima celebrations, Uyyalotsava, **7 pm;** Swaralaya Vadya Sangeetha by Vid. Ravikumar and troupe, Mysuru, **7.30 pm.**

**Naalvadi Social, Cultural and Educational Trust:** Staging of play 'Aalida Maswamigalu' based on life of Sri Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, written by Ravikiran R. Ballagere, directed by Dinesh Chammalige (NINASAM), Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**

**Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, **(3 Shows) 7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

## EVENTS TOMORROW (JULY 14)

**Sri Prasanna Sai Mandira, Thyagaraja Road:** 87th Guru Purnima, Kakada Aarti, **7.30 am;** Bhajan by Ganavisharada Sangeetha and troupe, **7.30 pm;** Shayanotsava and Swarna Bhanda Visarjane, **8.30 pm;** Under Ground Darshan, **9 pm.**

**Department of AYUSH, Government of Karnataka, Government Ayurveda Research Centre (GARC), Mysuru and Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICSR), Mysuru:** National Conference 'Cardio Yoga Summit 2025 - Healing Diabetes Through Yogic Integration,' Vipin Singh, Commissioner of AYUSH, Government of Karnataka, inaugurates, **9 am;** Valedictory, Dr. Harish Babu, Deputy Director - Yoga, delivers valedictory address, SJICSR Auditorium, KRS Road, **4.30 pm.**

**Maharaja's High School and PU College Alumni Association, Mysuru:** Founders Day and Maharaja Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanti celebrations, honouring of meritorious students, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar chief guest, Aditya Adikari Hospital Managing Trustee Dr. N. Chandrashekar and Maharaja's College and Fine Arts College retd. Principal Dr. C.A. Sridhar guests of honour, Association President B.S. Sridhara Raj Urs presides, **10 am.**

**JSS College of Physiotherapy:** Graduation Day, Dr. Mohammed Asheel, National Professional Officer (Injuries, Disabilities, Assistive Technology and Rehabilitation), WHO, India, chief guest, Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, presides, R. Mahesh, Director, Medical Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, guest of honour, Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, JSS Hospital premises, **11 am.**

# Free education for underprivileged

Mysuru, July 13- The Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation (KSF), Mysuru Branch, has announced a philanthropic initiative by its dedicated Executive Members and well-wishers to support meritorious and economically disadvantaged students.

Under this initiative, 15 to 20 deserving students will be offered Free Admission to B.Com and BCA programmes at the KSF School of Business and Technology, integrated with professional coaching for UPSC / KPSC Civil Services; Banking and Government Exams; CA / CS Foundation; Software & IT Certification Courses.

Interested students may visit the KSF office, CA-25, General K.S. Thimayya Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, Mysuru, or call Mob: 82960-31570.

Admissions are open on a first-come, first-served basis after eligibility screening, according to a press release from KSF Secretary H. Kishore Chandra.

# Calling Art Teachers and Artistes

Mysuru, July 13- The Department of Kannada & Culture, under the SC Sub-Plan and ST Sub-Plan for the year 2025-26, will be conducting an Art Training Camp at the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Hostels coming under the Social Welfare Department and SC/ST Welfare Department limits.

The training will be of 6-month duration and participants will be trained in Folkore, Dance, Sugama Sangeetha, Classical Music, Hindustani Music and Instrumental Music.

Applications have been invited from senior teachers and artistes to take the above said classes. Interested candidates may apply along with bio-data before July 15 (5.30 pm) at the office of the Kannada & Culture Department in Kalamandira premises, Mysuru. For details, contact Ph: 0821-2513225, according to a press release from the Department Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan.

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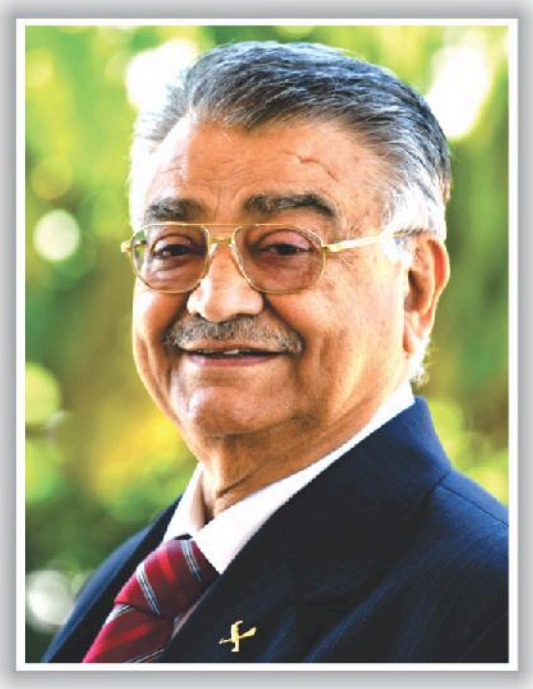

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